

6301 - Wilderness Characteristics Inventory

Summary of Findings and Conclusion

Area Unique Identifier: CA-08-0188 Paradise Range

Results of Analysis:

1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements? ☒ Yes ☐ No
2. Does the area appear to be natural? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ NA
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA
4. Does the area have supplemental values? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

Conclusion

☐ The area, or a portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as Land with Wilderness Characteristics (LWC).

☒ The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

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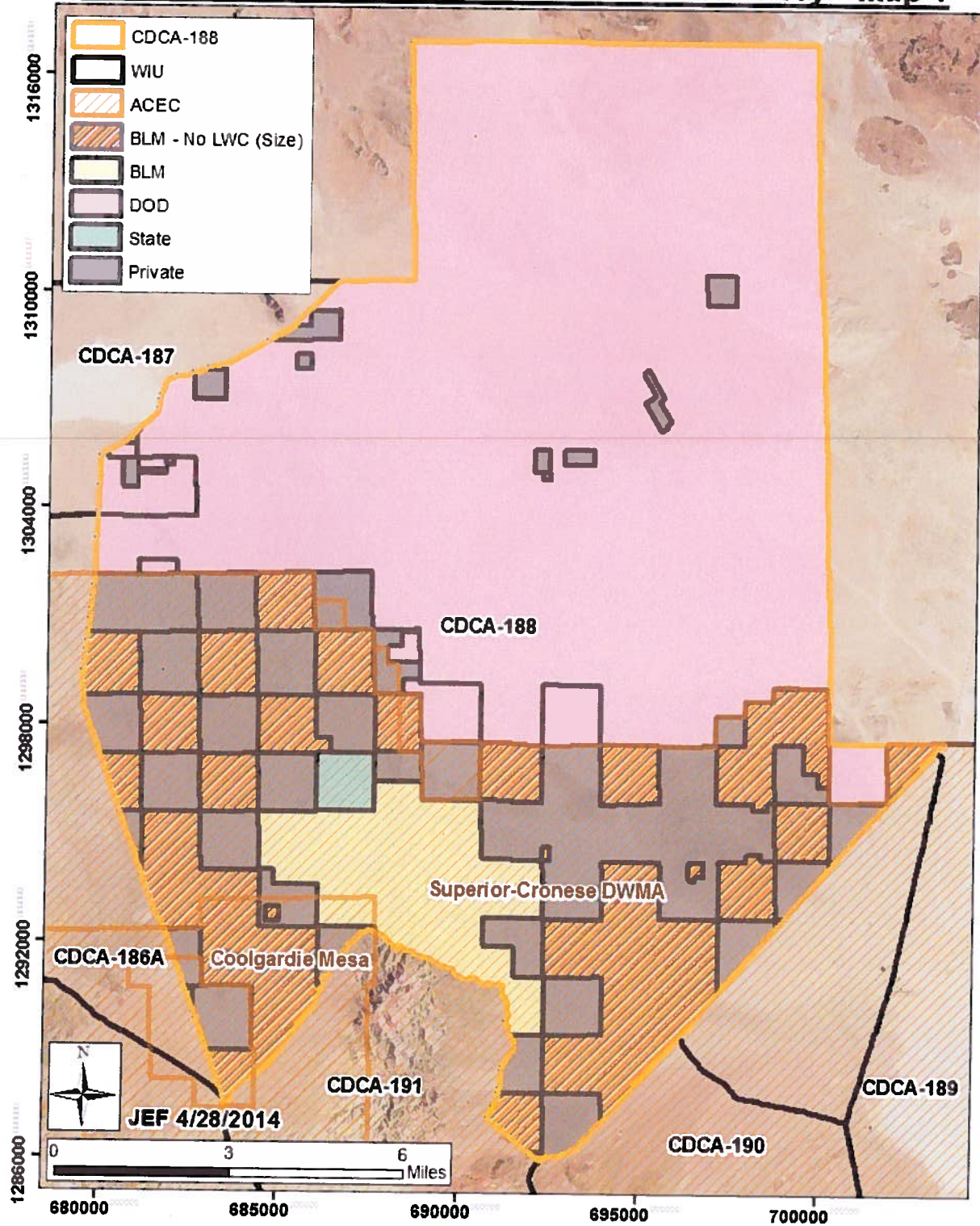
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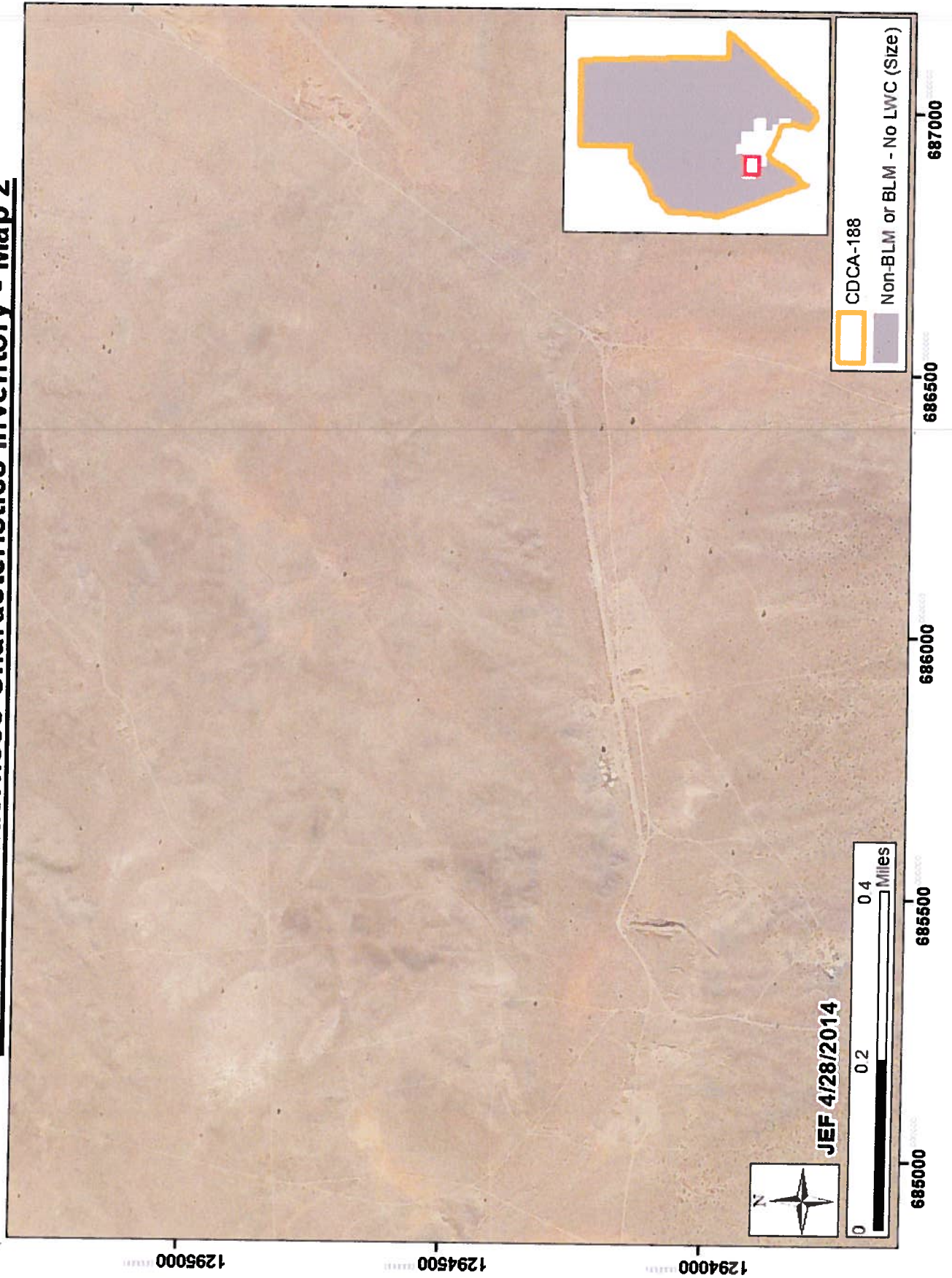
CDCA-188 Wilderness Characteristics Inventory - Map 1



Appendix C

Map 2 – Roads and Landing Strip in Western Portion of BLM Land

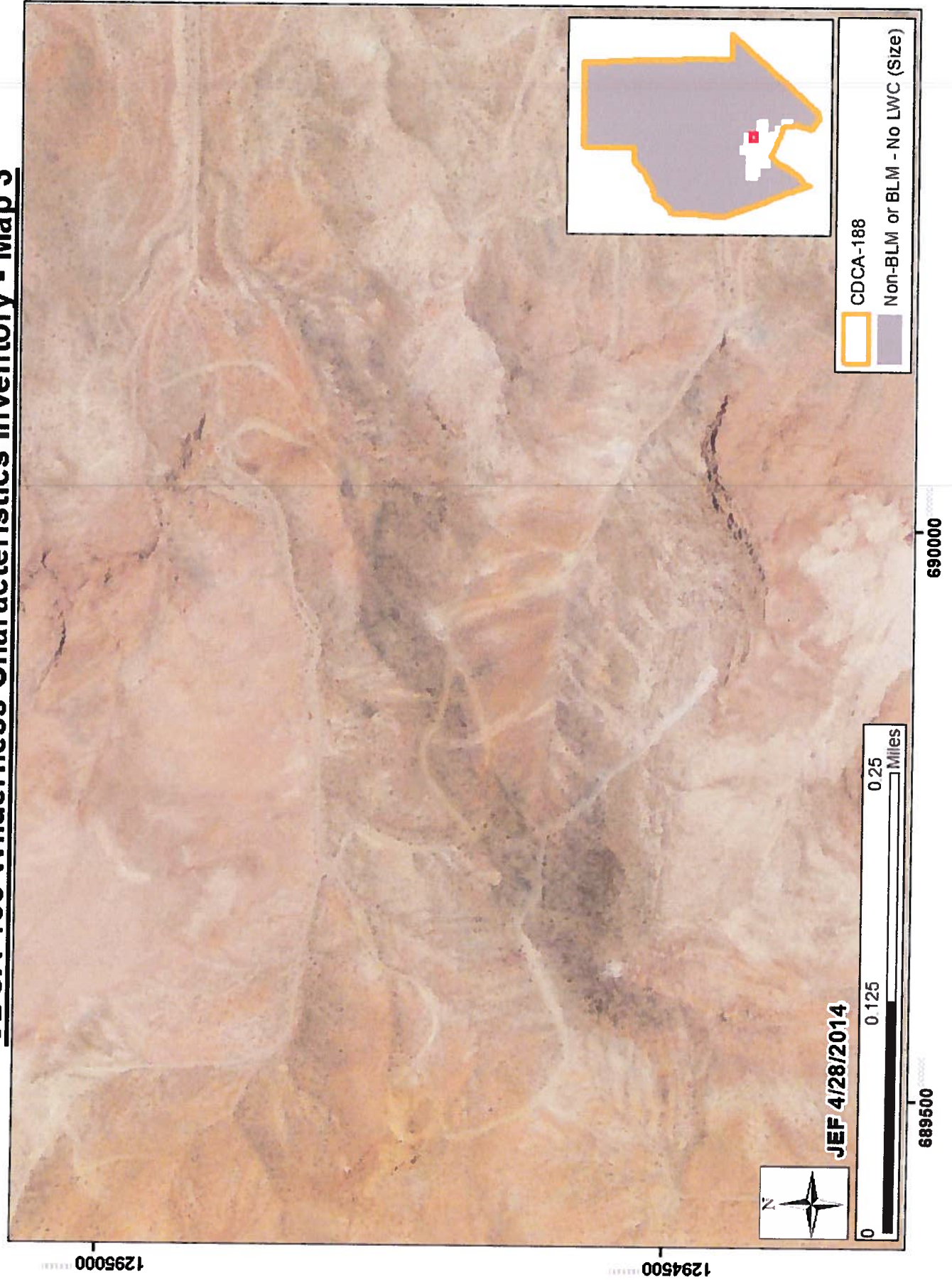
CDCA-188 Wilderness Characteristics Inventory - Map 2



Appendix D

Map 3 – Roads in the Northeastern Portion of BLM Land

CDCA-188 Wilderness Characteristics Inventory - Map 3



Inventory Name/Unit Number: CA-080-188 Paradise Range

Form 1

Documentation of BLM Wilderness Inventory Findings on Record

1. Is there existing BLM wilderness inventory information on all or part of this area?

Yes

Inventory Source: 1979 Wilderness Inventory files, California Desert Conservation Area

Inventory Unit Name(s)/Number(s): CDCA-188

Map Name(s)/Number(s): USDI BLM California Desert Wilderness Final Inventory, Dec. 1979

BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): Barstow Field Office

2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record

Existing inventory information regarding wilderness characteristics:

Inventory Source: 1979 Wilderness Inventory files, BLM Barstow FO

Unit#/ Name	Size (historic acres)	Natural Condition? Y/N	Outstanding Solitude? Y/N	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Y/N	Supplemental Values? Y/N
188	Not addressed	No	Yes	No	N/A

The 1979 inventory indicated boundaries of Copper City Road to the west, a dirt road to the north, and Fort Irwin Road to the east and south. The inventory described three well sites and a network of ways on the northwest side of Lane Mountain. In addition, the inventory stated that the lower half of the unit was dominated by the huge Speakeasy Mine, which disrupting the primeval character of the land. The unit contained opportunities for solitude, due to the eroded canyons of Lane Mountain, but not outstanding opportunities for primitive, unconfined recreation due to the visible imprints of man.

Documentation of Current Wilderness Inventory Conditions

Unit Number/Name: CDCA-188

(1) Sufficient size: Yes

Acreage: Estimated at approximately 116,225 acres

Boundaries: The unit is bounded by a dirt road to the south, Copper City Road to the west, and Fort Irwin Road to the east.

Description of Current Conditions

Land ownership: 23% of the unit (26,583 acres) is managed by the BLM. Of this land, 6,432 acres are contiguous and meet the 5,000-acre threshold. Private lands comprise 18% of the unit; Department of Defense lands occupy 58% of the unit; while state lands occupy less than 1% of the unit. The northern portion of the original inventory unit has been transferred to the DOD/Ft. Irwin since the 1979 Inventory report.

Location: The unit is in San Bernardino County, approximately 20 miles north of Barstow, CA.

Topography: In the contiguous BLM portion of the unit, elevations range from 2,800 feet in the valleys to 3,800 feet in the hills.

Vegetation features: Creosote, Mojave yucca, and related desert scrub dominates the landscape. The unit also includes a portion of critical habitat (Coolgardie Mesa ACEC) for the endangered Lane Mountain milkvetch.

Major human uses/activities: The northern portion of the unit, transferred to DOD since the original inventory, is now within the Ft. Irwin Military Reservation and is used for US Army desert warfare training. The public lands in the unit have a history of extensive mining as described in the 1979 report. OHV recreation use and RV camping is prevalent throughout the area.

(2) Natural condition: No

The portion of the unit that meets the size requirement is heavily impacted by mining activity, numerous roads, and a landing strip. The conditions described in 1979 have not changed nor have the conclusions about the area being heavily influenced by human activities.

(3) Outstanding opportunities for solitude: N/A

(4) Outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation: N/A

(5) Supplemental values: N/A